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Open enrollment rule hearing set Aug. 29

MADISON—The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will conduct a hearing Aug. 29 at the agency headquarters in Madison to take public testimony on a change in administrative rules affecting the open enrollment program. The hearing will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. in Room 041 of the GEF 3 Building, 125 South Webster Street, Madison.

Current administrative rules require a parent to sign the open enrollment application and, if parents are divorced or legally separated, both parents are required to sign the form. The proposed rule will eliminate the need for both parents to sign an open enrollment application form during the three-week open enrollment period, thus streamlining the application process for schools and families. The question of where a child will attend school will still be resolved in the way that all joint custody decisions are made, but eliminating the requirement that both parents sign the application form preserves the family's option to consider open enrollment while a decision is being reached.

The hearing site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. A copy of the administrative rule and fiscal estimate are available at < <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dfm/pb/rulespg.html> >. A copy of the proposed rule and the fiscal estimate also may be obtained by sending an e-mail request to < lori.slauson@dpi.state.wi.us > or by writing to Lori Slauson, administrative rules and federal grants coordinator, DPI, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707.

Written comments on the proposed rule must be submitted via U.S. mail or e-mail to Slauson at the above mailing or e-mail address no later than Aug. 31 and will be given the same consideration as testimony presented at the hearing.

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